



CFC Newsletter

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Save the Date:

CFC Board Meeting
Friday, Feb. 16, 2006
1:30 – 3:30
Screen Actors Guild
5757 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA

California Film
Commission
7080 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA
90028
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www.film.ca.gov

CFC ASSISTS FEATURE FILM WITH FREEWAY CLOSURE

Notwithstanding negative newspaper editorials and a few talk radio shows, we are pleased to report that the Twentieth Century Fox feature film, *Live Free or Die Hard*, successfully filmed scenes on and underneath the 105 Century Freeway (some involving pyrotechnics) near LAX for several days in November. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the CFC team including Gamal Kostandy--Caltrans Engineer, Catherine Adamic--Caltrans Permit Coordinator, Al Adams--Deputy State Fire Marshal, Cheyenne Quesada--CHP Film Media Relations Officer working together with FilmLA, Inc., the City of El Segundo, the Los Angeles World Airports' film liaisons, and the fire departments for the City of Los Angeles and the City of El Segundo the filming was completed safely with a minimum of inconvenience to the public.

CFC OUTREACH TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES

Responding to the invitations of city officials and business representatives in the City of Huntington Park and the City of Downey, the director and deputy director met with elected officials and business people in both cities and then took brief guided familiarization tours.

The **City of Huntington Park** welcomes filming and has some unique sites including many small parks, a cloister walk at City Hall, a 1950's architecture high school (*Grease* filmed there in the late 1970's), and a main street that is quite wide with angled parking.

The **City of Downey** and owners of Downey Studios are quite concerned about the future of Downey Studios much of which has been underutilized for the past year and may no longer be available as a studio site if the rental business does not improve.

FIRE SEASON UPDATE

Fire season is not over. Negligible amounts of rain and recent high velocity winds combined to feed several fires burning out of control during the past few weeks. Finally, "Red Flag" alerts were removed last weekend with the arrival of precipitation through much of the state. However, since fire conditions change rapidly, filmmakers must remember to contact the CFC directly in order to determine current fire conditions and the availability of Fire Safety Officers and CHP Officers to monitor their filming activities. To view current fire information please go to: www.fire.ca.gov

CFC QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The next CFC Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2007, at 1:30. It will be held at the Screen Actors Guild, located at 5757 Wilshire Blvd. (East of Fairfax). Meetings will be held in the James Cagney conference room. Parking is validated.

For more information, please contact Joseph Cruz, 323/860-2960 x170.

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REVISED MODEL FILM ORDINANCE & 30-MILE ZONE CHART

The CFC has revised its "model film ordinance" after recently assisting several cities with the creation of local ordinances. In addition, the CFC has just completed a detailed update to the "30-Mile Studio Zone Chart". To review the Ordinance and new Zone Chart please visit our web site: www.film.ca.gov.

Addendum: NEW OR IMPROVED FILM LOCATIONS

In the October *CFC Newsletter*, a news item described the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) acquisition of **Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook** in 2000, and the DPR process of creating a much-needed open space plan for this 58-acre site. The article failed to mention that the site will not be available for filming until sometime in November 2007. Thank you for your patience during the construction.

NEWS ARTICLES

11/14/06 – LA Times – No free ride on freeways
11/19/06 – Humboldt Times-Standard – Take Two
11/21/06 – Louisiana – Baton Rouge Bus Report – Lights, Camera
11/25/06 – LA Times – Villaraigosa Ops-Ed – Don't Push Entertainment Out